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SUBJECT: ISRAELI MOBILIZATION EXERCISE

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A PRESS REPORT FROM TEL AVIV SAYS ISRAEL WILL CONDUCT A LARGE-SCALE MOBILIZATION EXERCISE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A LARGE NUMBER OF RESERVISTS WILL BE CALLED UP TO TEST THE MOBILIZATION SYSTEM AND RESERVE PROCEDURES IN LIGHT OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST WAR LAST OCTOBER. ISRAELI RESERVISTS ARE RECALLED ANNUALLY FOR TRAINING, BUT A NATION-WIDE MOBILIZATION EXERCISE IS UNPRECEDENTED. THE ISRAELIS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS WHILE MOBILIZING LAST FALL, AND THEY PROBABLY WANT TO TEST NEW MEASURES TAKEN TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES.

THE ARABS CAN BE EXPECTED TO DECRY THE PLANNED MOBILIZATION

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AS A MANIFESTATION OF ISRAEL'S CONTINUING "MILITANCY." SO FAR,
HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHARGES THAT THE ANTICIPATED ISRAELI
ACTION IS ANYTHING MORE THAN AN EXERCISE.

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